

OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Weekday: 8:30 a.m.

PARISH STAFF

Fr. Matthew Kujawinski, *Pastor*

Deacon Paul Barko, *Deacon Assistant*

Donna Clark, *Pastoral Minister*

Irene Lucas, *Director of Lifelong Faith Formation*

Katie Stephenson, *Administrative Assistant
& Youth Minister*

Linda Peters, *Director of Music*

Matthew Clark, *Director of Liturgy*

Kirk Mientkiewicz, *Maintenance Coordinator*

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MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Eucharistic, Catholic Christian Community of Communities formed by the Word of God and the teachings of the Church. We are empowered by the Holy Spirit to live the values of Jesus Christ in a prayerful, welcoming and nurturing environment.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, Breath of the Creator,
as advocate whom the Father sent,
fall afresh with the sparks of faith
on this community.

Ignite our hearts to give bold witness of your love;
creating a culture of belonging.

Open our eyes to the present,
enable us to see your vision for our future;
showing us the way to go.

Give us the wisdom to wait for you
as we trust you to teach us and guide us.

May we be filled with passion and desire
to intentionally and eagerly journey
the path you have laid out for us.

Amen

OCTOBER 9, 2022 - THE 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WEEK AHEAD

For a complete calendar of events, please visit ourladyofmercychurch.org/calendar

Mon. 10/10	9:30 a.m.	Steel Magnolias SCC
	6:30 p.m.	Roman Candles SCC
Tue. 10/11	1:00 p.m.	Potter's Clay SCC
	2:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	4:00 p.m.	Religious Ed Gr 3-6
	6:00 p.m.	Pastoral Facilitator Mtg.
Wed. 10/12	9:00 a.m.	Painting Group
	1:00 p.m.	Diamonds in the Rough SCC
	6:30 p.m.	AGIFT Mtg.
	7:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus
Thur. 10/13	9:00 a.m.	Angels in Training SCC
	12:00 p.m.	Jesus Today Prayer
	1:00 p.m.	Pastoral Facilitator Mtg.
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Fri. 10/14		
Sat. 10/15	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Sun. 10/16	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed Gr. K-2 & 7-8
	9:30 a.m.	Healing Ministry

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. 10/10	Gal 4:22-27, 31-5:1	/ Lk 11:29-32
Tue. 10/11	Gal 5:1-6	/ Lk 11:37-41
Wed. 10/12	Gal 5:18-25	/ Lk 11:42-46
Thur. 10/13	Eph 1:1-10	/ Lk 11:47-54
Fri. 10/14	Eph 1:11-14	/ Lk 12:1-7
Sat. 10/15	Eph 1:15-23	/ Lk 12:8-12
Sun. 10/16	Ex 17:8-13/2 Tm 3:14-4:2	/ Lk 18:1-8

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory for the weekend of October 2, 2022

Envelopes sent:	357	
Envelopes returned:	75	\$ 2,819.00
Faith Direct Deposits:	140	\$ 3,813.70
Loose Change:		\$ 168.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY:		\$ 6,800.70

PRAYER LINE

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Call Donna Smicker at 814-899-9108
4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Call Gerri Extein at 814-490-9681



We Remember...

Ken Mottern;
who passed away recently.
Please hold him and his family
in prayer during this
difficult time.

In Loving Memory

MASS INTENTION UPDATE

We are unable to schedule new Mass Intentions at this time. Due to the limited weekday Mass schedule, the rescheduling of missed Mass Intentions will take top priority. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 10/10	8:30 a.m.	Joanne Smith (Liana Pasquale)
Tue. 10/11	8:30 a.m.	Richard Wilhelm (Ed Muck)
Wed. 10/12	8:30 a.m.	NO MASS - COMMUNION SERVICE
Thur. 10/13	8:30 a.m.	Analida Braeger (Tom Braeger)
Fri. 10/14	8:30 a.m.	NO MASS - COMMUNION SERVICE
Sat. 10/15	6:00 p.m.	Gerald Stauffer (John & Carol Sutton)
Sun. 10/16	8:30 a.m.	Paul DeLuca (RoseMarie DeLuca)
	11:00 a.m.	For the People of OLM

THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

LUKE 17:11-19

"...he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him."

Are we the one, or one of the nine? When Jesus entered the village, ten lepers met him, called out and asked for pity. Surely all ten held out some level of hope that Jesus could help them, otherwise why would they call out after him? We cannot know what they really knew about Jesus and his ministry, but they call him "Jesus, Master."

Perhaps the lepers had already heard about his power to heal and hoped that healing would be theirs as well. Jesus commands them to show themselves to the priests and they are healed, but only one comes back, bows down, and thanks Jesus.

We all come to Jesus to ask for pity, for healing of one kind or another. We call Jesus by name. We have heard about his power to heal, and believe he will help us; otherwise why would we call out to him? When we ask, we are healed. But in our humanity we still sin; we are still broken and return time and time again to ask for his healing compassion. Each time we ask, we receive, but how many of us return to bow down and thank the Lord for his mercy?

For Reflection: In what areas of my life am I one of the nine, failing to return to give thanks?

Roy Goetz



Presentation of the Gifts of Bread and Wine

We will be processing the gifts of bread and wine again at all Masses. You can sign up in advance for this ministry at the kiosk in the gathering space. The procession of bread and wine symbolizes all that we give of ourselves to God and our support to those who are in need. If you have not had the honor of bringing up the gifts at a weekend Mass please do sign up or tell an usher before Mass that you are willing.



Grief Support Monthly Group

Monday, Oct 17 is the next grief support group meeting. Grief is a difficult thing to predict. One moment we are fine and then, suddenly, apparently without cause, we feel like we are falling apart. Does it help to know that this is a normal experience? To learn more about grief and how to cope come to our monthly support group or call Donna Clark in the parish office to chat.



Book Group

Join us on **October 19 at 7:00** at the home of Kay Kaeberlein 109 Kraus Dr., to discuss Thicker Than Water by Tyler Schultz and The Story of Arthur Truluv by Elizabeth Berg. In November we will discuss Have You Seen Luis Velez by Catherine Ryan Hyde.



Don't Miss the DEADLINE! **For Mercy Sake Deadline**
The deadline to submit items for the autumn issue of the parish newsletter is **Sunday, Oct. 23**. Send items to secretary@ourladyofmercychurch.org.

Going to Canada

Need some money? The parish has some Canadian change from the weekly offertory that we would like to exchange. Please see Donna Clark.



Join Our Choir

Choir practice will be every Thursday night from now on, starting at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome! Please contact Linda Peters, choir director, with any questions at 607-731-5908, or you can email her at: lpeters001@gmail.com.



Mystery Items found in parish closets

We found a few things in the closets when we were cleaning out Fr Ritchie's stuff. If you know anything about these items, please let us know: Silver plated tea pots and tray; two sets of clay poker chips with decks of cards; a framed poster of the Ten Commandments in German. If you know anything about these items please see Donna Clark.



FORMED.ORG



If you are new to the parish, you can enjoy formed.org for free by signing up as part of the parish subscription. All you need is your email, then select the option for an "institution or parish" subscription and search for Our Lady of Mercy Harborcreek.

Question of the Week

Question-of-the-Week winner for the week of September 27 was **Kenslie Inthavong, grade Kindergarten**, who knew that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are the three Divine Persons of the Blessed Trinity.

We Have A New Pastor!

His name is **Father Matt Kujawinski**. Fr. Matt has been a priest in the Diocese of Erie since 2006. He has been a pastor in various parishes throughout the diocese, recently serving as pastor at Mt. Carmel Parish in Erie. Fr Matt also serves as the Administrator of the Office of Divine Worship at St Mark Center. He will officially begin as pastor of Our Lady of Mercy on Tuesday October 18. Let us welcome Fr. Matt with open arms as he transitions to our parish.



An Invitation to Explore the Catholic Faith



Some days, the world feels as if it is spinning out of control. Natural disasters, international crisis, political discord, economic uncertainty, ecological threat, we often find

ourselves grasping for an anchor to steady our lives. God is the one anchor that remains sure and stable, no matter what troubles shake the ground under our feet. A relationship with God, our Creator, our Savior, our Advocate lived in the supportive arms of the Church family and nourished by the grace of the sacraments can help us live with peace and joy no matter what life throws at us. Would you like to learn more about the Catholic faith? Have you toyed with the idea of being baptized? Would you like to explore your questions about what life as a Catholic Christian would mean? If you would like to start a conversation or learn more about the process of preparing to join the Catholic faith, contact Irene Lucas at ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org or 814-899-6132.

Celebrating The Day of the Dead

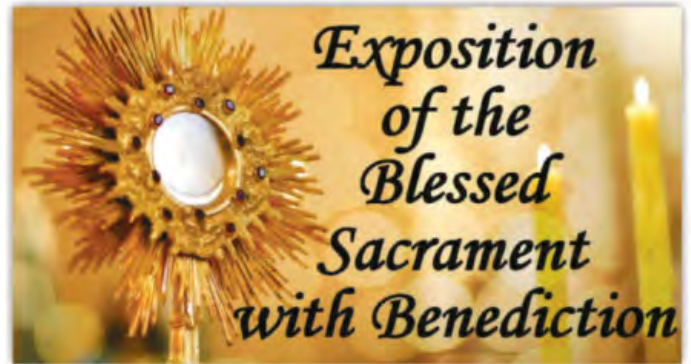
Let's share in solidarity with our sister parish this Nov. 1. The Sister Parish Committee will be setting up an altar in the Gathering Space the weekend of **Oct. 22-Nov. 6** to remember and honor the loved ones of our community. All are invited to bring in a picture and/or memento of someone in your family to be placed on the altar. (Please nothing large or irreplaceable.)



Eucharistic Revival at Our Lady of Mercy

What Does The Eucharist Mean To Me?

What Does The Eucharist Mean to You? Many Catholics were shocked when a national survey revealed that most Catholics have a limited understanding of the Eucharist and a tenuous connection to this central Mystery of our faith. As the Bishops of the U.S. launch a two year Eucharistic Revival, OLM is taking a moment to reflect on what the Eucharist means to each of us. The most significant way to influence others is by sincerely sharing from the heart. Therefore, each of us is invited to make a short 2 to 3 minute video witnessing to what the Eucharist means to each one of us personally. These videos will be posted on the parish Facebook and webpage in October and November. If anyone needs help making the recording, just visit the parish office and Katie will record you on her phone. Willing to write but not willing to speak on camera? Submit your reflection in writing and a volunteer will record it for you. Feel free to find a format that feels comfortable to you. Interview your child or grandparent about the meaning of the Eucharist in their life, share a meaningful quote, describe a moment when your connection to the Eucharist got you through a painful time or when the Eucharist finally made some sense to you, tell us what you wish your grandchild or other Catholics could feel about the Eucharist. Your approach is as personal as your connection to the Eucharist. There are sign-up lists and instructions in the Gathering Space. Remember to record your reflection in landscape mode.



*Monday October 17,
2022
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.*



This is an opportunity for us to come together as a community and pray in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Happenings Around the Diocese

Diocesan middle school retreats scheduled this fall

Registration is now open for diocesan middle school NET retreats scheduled this fall. Sponsored by the Office of Faith Formation and the Catholic Schools Office, middle school NET retreats for sixth- through eighth-graders will be hosted on the following date/site: •Oct. 29 — Our Lady of Peace School/Our Lady of Peace Parish, 2401 W. 38th St., Erie. The NET Retreat theme for 2022 is "Love One Another: Authentic Friendship." Our relationships are meant to reflect our relationship with God and bring us closer to him. To register and to read more information, go to <https://www.eriecd.org/youth/net.html>.

St. Luke Parish invites everyone to St. Luke Sunday Discussions

St. Luke Parish in Erie is hosting its new St. Luke Sunday Discussions, a series of sessions on various topics, including aging, hospice care, estate planning and funeral planning. The first session on aging is Oct. 23 at 11:30 a.m. at the church, located at 421 E. 38th St., Erie. Light refreshments will be available. See attached flier for details or contact Karen Hund at 814-450-3711.

Fall Luncheon & Auction

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Ladies' Guild will hold its Annual Fall Luncheon and Auction on Sunday, October 23

from 1-4 pm at Scheffner Hall, 1531 East Grandview Blvd. Tickets are \$9.00 and include a delicious lunch. Also on tap – a Basket & Gift Card Auction (100+ items), a Line Dance Demo, Dessert Auction, tip boards, and a 50/50 drawing. Reserve a table for your group today! For tickets or more information, call Carolyn at 814-825-3895.

Healing Mass on October 11th

There will be a healing Mass with Exposition at Saint John the Baptist Church in Erie. Worship starts at 6:15 and individual prayers for healing will follow the Mass. Father Jonathan Schmolt and Deacon Jerry Peterson will celebrate. Doors open at 5:30.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments



October is Respect Life Month

Our faith calls for us to uphold the value of human life and the dignity of the human person. The protection of children and vulnerable adults is the responsibility of the entire Church, including the faithful. The protection of children, youth and vulnerable adults from abuse and other harm is a respect life issue, and we must all do our part to uphold this ideal. Anyone who suspects or knows of abuse should report it immediately.

For information on reporting child abuse visit <https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/>

Hanal Pixan

The Day of the Dead (el Día de los Muertos), is a Mexican holiday around the Feast of All Saints and All Souls, where families welcome back the souls of their deceased relatives for a brief reunion that includes food, drink and celebration.

In the Yucatan, where our sister parish is located, this celebration has a Mayan influence and is called Hanal Pixan . It is similar to the Día de los Muertos and is a two day holiday that reunites the living and dead. Families create 'ofrendas' (Offerings) to honor their departed family members. These altars are decorated with bright yellow marigold flowers, photos of the departed, and the favorite foods and drinks of the one being honored.

The offerings are believed to encourage visits from the land of the dead as the departed souls hear their prayers, smell their foods and join in the Celebrations! Families also gather for special dinners.

Our Sister Parish Committee would like to have an 'ofrenda' here at Our Lady of Mercy in the gathering space. If you would like to honor a loved one's memory, please bring a labeled picture and perhaps a memento and place it on the altar in the Gathering Space the weekend of **Oct. 22/23**. Our space is limited, so please do not bring in anything that is large. The altar will remain up through the first weekend of November. Families are asked to claim their pictures and mementos the weekend of November 5/6.



Our Lady of Mercy's Ofrenda

Bring a picture or memento of a deceased loved one on: October 22/23

Pick up your memento on: November 5/6

**Reminder: please do not bring anything that is large or irreplaceable. Space is limited.*

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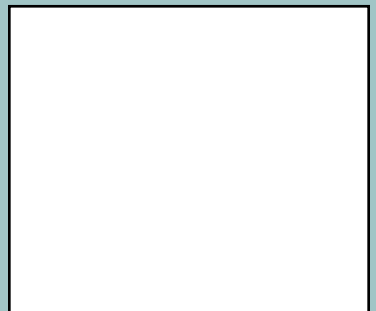
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Change of Address Moving out of the Parish

New Parishioner

To start the new member process please call the parish office at 899-5342; or request a phone call by filling out this form and returning it to the office by mail or collection basket.